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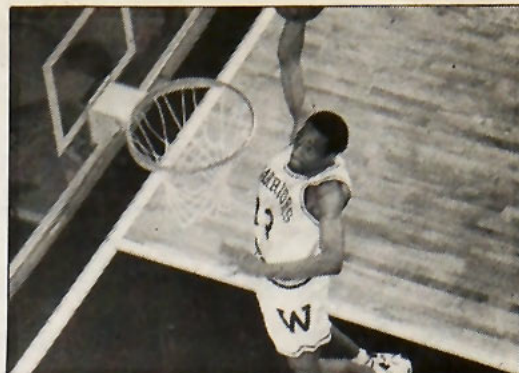


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Binge drinking at WSU

Studies indicate bingeing often leads to alcoholism

By MAGGIE McCALLUM
Co-News Editor

A recent study by the Harvard School of Public Health has created a renewed interest in the phenomenon of college students drinking habits.

The study covered 140 college campuses and addressed the problem of undergraduate alcohol abuse, more specifically focusing on the concept of "binge drinking".

Drinking has been taking place at colleges across the United States for decades, but as of late students are becoming more aware of the detrimental effects. This increased awareness has raised the question among many college students and administrators: is the problem at an all time high?

At Winona State University, there

have been concerns raised relating to the amount of drinking that goes on among students after reports of two college students who attended nearby colleges died as a result of binge drinking.

The recent death of a 21 year old student at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire prompted Winona State Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Jack Kane, to write a letter to the editor of this publication, which was printed in the Jan. 11 issue. The letter advised students that the practice of heavy, binge-type drinking "has to stop", and that WSU students shouldn't let their

friends drink to the point where they may be endangering their life.

The student from Eau Claire died one shot on his birthday. He was found in his bed the next morning.

Not long ago, the same type of alcohol related incident involved a student from St. Mary's college. While celebrating his birthday

he also died of alcohol poisoning.

"I have seen an increase," said Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Jack Kane. "There's an increase in binge drinking, not just here but all over the

country."

The Harvard study found that based on 140 college campuses across the nation, over half of the students were binge drinkers. The classification for binge drinking is to have more than five alcoholic beverages in one sitting.

While this trend of drinking has been going on for years at colleges and universities, the study also found "frontloading" as the major source of the bingeing.

Students frontload when they get drunk before going out to house parties or bars. That way they can save money and those that are not of legal drinking age can still take part in the festivities.

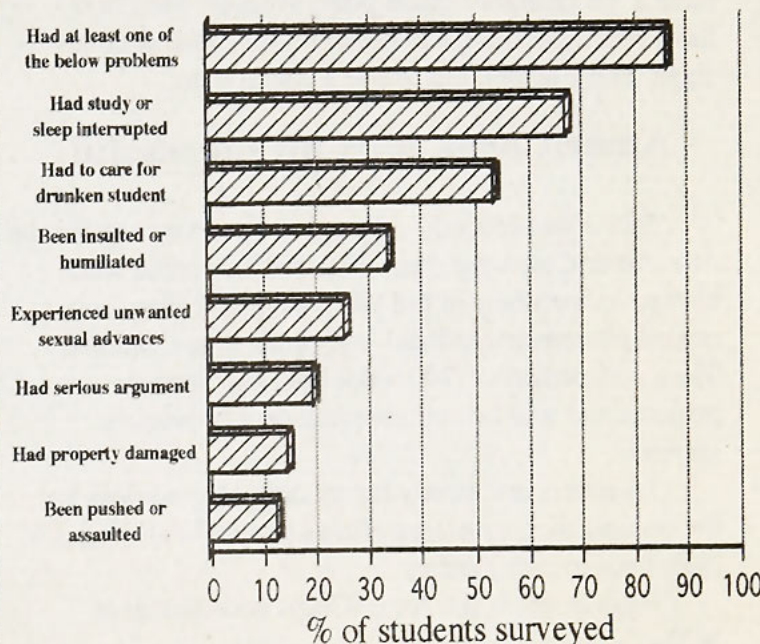
"I think there is a lot of drinking going on," said freshman political sci-

Is binge drinking a problem at WSU?

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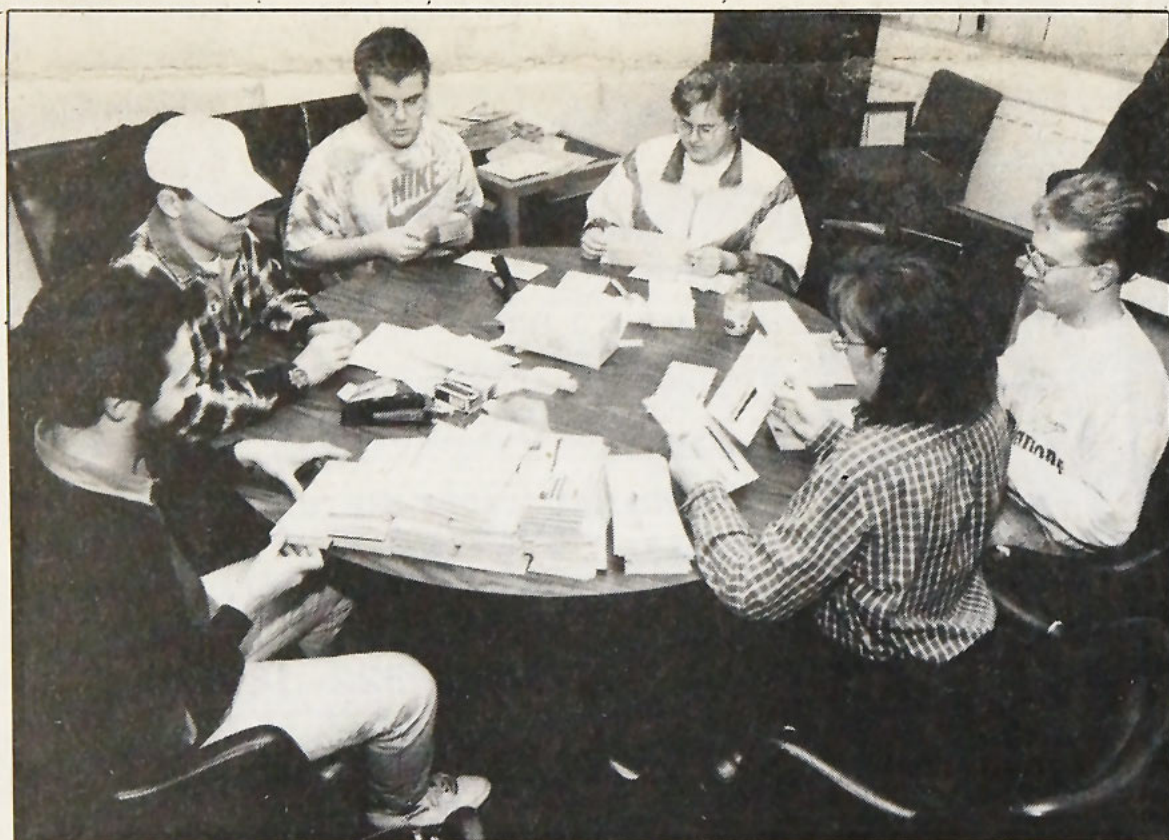
Frequent Binge Drinkers Create Troubles for Others



Source: Survey of 140 U.S. Colleges by the Harvard School of Public Health

Bubba Grafix

Quarters war room



Joshua Smith/Asst. Photo Editor

Student Senate prepares letters to faculty concerning quarters vs. semesters. Student Senate will be demonstrating on voting day, Wednesday Jan. 18 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in.

High school students protest for MLK holiday

Associated Press

Winona, Minn.

About 30 Winona High School students boycotted classes Monday to protest having to attend on the Martin Luther King Holiday.

The students gathered outside the school in the morning but refused to enter the building.

"We think that it's unfair we should have a day off for President's Day and not Martin Luther King Jr. Day," said sophomore Tony Caldwell.

Freshman, Pat Grogg, said, "I'm doing this because I think Martin Luther King should be recognized for all of his accomplishments and his 'I Have a Dream' speech."

Principal Jack Youngstrom said the school had no advance warning last week that the students were going to protest.

Youngstrom said he talked to two of the students leading the group and said he was not unsympathetic to their concerns.

Assistant Principal Steve Wiltgen urged the students to go to class, saying that a boycott was not the way

to protest school policy.

Wiltgen suggested that students take their objections to Tuesday's school board meeting.

Wiltgen explained that it's the Winona School Board as a recommendation that ultimately determines the district calendar. A school district calendar committee puts together a couple of prototype calendars, which are sent to employees of the district.

Those employees do a preference vote and submit it to the Winona School Board as a recommendation, according to Wiltgen. He said that individual school boards in Minnesota decide whether to make the King holiday a day off for students.

Monday was the observance of the slain civil rights leader's birthday; his birthday was Sunday. The day was a state and federal holiday. Certain school districts observe the day, others do not.

The Winona School Board voted two years ago on this year's calendar year.

Stiff charges for two WSU students

By SHANNON OLSON
News Reporter

Two Winona State University students who questioned the procedures used by Winona police officers during their arrest are being brought up on charges.

Deshun Givance and Rudy Story were arrested Oct. 29, 1994, after a complaint of a loud party at 207 1/2 W. Broadway.

The police responded to the call, arrived at the house, and became involved in an altercation with Story and Givance.

Givance, who is being represented by public defender Rich McClure, is questioning whether or not the actions of the officers in this case were excessive, or necessary.

The times and dates for Givance and Story's trials are still undetermined. A judge has already decided that in Story's case evidence can be introduced. In Givance's case there has been no decision, according to County Attorney Jules Gernes.

Givance is facing charges of ter-

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Future of Mingles in court's hands

By ANGIE HAAS
New Reporter

Mingles Fundrinkery, which has had its share of legal trouble in the past year, is returning to court next month. This time the courts decision will determine the future of the bar.

In August of 1993, 71 students were arrested for underage drinking in Mingles. Since that time the bar has been haggling with the Winona city council and the courts on whether it can keep its liquor license.

Currently Mingles is open to people 21 and older. Originally it allowed people 18 and older in and gave out wristbands to those who were of legal drinking age.

Mingles was in court late last year and, due to lack of evidence presented by the prosecution, the case was thrown out and is being retried on Feb. 1 of this year.

According to Dom Navarro, an employee of the Nasty Habit and Mingles, there has been only one arrest made at Mingles for actually serving minors alcohol on the premises.

"I personally believe that this whole issue is being blown out of proportion," said Navarro.

The owners and Navarro firmly

hold the position that they were not responsible for the intoxication of the individuals who were arrested. "The college students I know drink before they go to Mingles because it too expensive to drink there," said Dan MacLaughlin, a senior history major.

"Personally, I drank before I went to Mingles. That's the way I've done it," said MacLaughlin.

According to Navarro, there is not enough evidence showing that Mingles serves people who are underage.

In a previous city council meeting, Mingles presented a waste paper basket full of fake identification taken from underage students to prove how tough their carding procedures are.

According to Navarro, since Mingles had to change the age restrictions for the bar to 21 and older business has been tough, but it is slowly picking up.

At this time Mingles does not want to comment if they will change their policy back to allow people 18 and older into the bar, according to Navarro.

Navarro doesn't believe that

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Two students fight J-Board proposal

Mass communication students start petition; involve local media

By JILL POMPLUM
News Reporter

The recent actions of the Winona State University Judicial Board have come under fire as they are in the process of revising their constitution.

The J-Board constitution currently includes a clause that states information from hearings will be released to the Winonan. This clause was questioned when proposed revisions to the constitution were introduced.

The J-Board has recently submitted changes to their constitution, and have finally come up with a proposal for a solution.

The original changes would have omitted that line in their constitution which entitles the Winonan access to case information.

At the Jan. 12 Student Senate meeting, Winona State student Andrea Spencer, senior journalism major, handed out copies of a petition she and another WSU student, Jaci Johnson, senior public relations major, drew up which stated their position favoring the release of J-Board information to the press.

Spencer said that the J-Board is violating their constitution by not providing the Winonan with the outcome of their cases.

"The Winonan has the right to print this infor-

mation, and they have not received it in two years," she said.

In response to these charges, Chuck Bentley, advisor to the J-Board, said that the information has been available.

"We have discontinued sending the information because it is never used. The information has been provided, but never printed, so we stopped sending it," he said.

Spencer said that if these changes would be made, our campus would not have any access to information.

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Sign Language Club applies for federal grant

The Winona State University American Sign Language program is applying for a grant to set up a sign language interpreter option as part of the special education program.

The five year grant, which is offered through Gallaudet University, is to be applied to the training of sign language interpreters.

"It has been made clear by (WSU) that there are no funds available to set up a new major," said Patty McCutcheon, interpreter and teacher of American Sign Language one, the only sign language course presently

offered at WSU.

"(WSU) is willing to donate classroom space, but the program would have to be completely funded by the grant until fully established," said McCutcheon.

The grant is renewable with application and would be used to staff interpreter trainers, purchase resource materials and possibly set up a lab.

According to McCutcheon, the four year WSU program would be more complete than other two-year sign language interpreter training programs.

"There would have to be prerequi-

sites because you have to know the basic alphabet and vocabulary," said McCutcheon. "We could then start with core classes for interpreters. Students could take classes such as Deaf Culture and Nonverbal Communication, which are already established in their second and third years."

According to McCutcheon, in the fourth year a student could get their own practicum or practical work. A trainee would be paired up with a mentor and get into a focus area. For instance, if a student wanted to be an interpreter in a chemical dependency

program.

There would be different tracts, such as legal or medical interpreters. The interpreters could be contracted by the Mayo Clinic.

With WSU's emphasis on multi-cultural issues, the program could also have a focus on cross-cultural communication within the communication studies program.

"We really need deaf trainers and deaf linguists," McCutcheon said.

The future of this program depends solely on whether or not WSU can secure the grant.

News Briefs

Job Fair '95 to be held

Job Fair '95 will be held in four weeks on Feb. 6, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

The fair is open to all WSU juniors, seniors, and registered alumni.

Approximately 120 employers will be on hand to visit with candidates about employment or internship opportunities. Several will conduct interviews.

To register contact the Career Planning and Placement at 110 Gildemeister.

Charter induction held at WSU

A charter induction was held for 58 WSU students into Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honor society for freshman.

Alpha Lambda Delta honors academic excellence during a student's first year of college. Its goal is to encourage superior academic achievements, promote intelligent living, and a continued high standard of living. The key to the organization is to recognize students who do well.

Membership is open to first-year students who have a 3.5 or higher grade point average. Members have opportunities for national fellowships, scholarships, and a leadership training conference.

AmeriCorps start up successful

WSU was recently selected as a start up site for the new AmeriCorps program. This fall 13 people were chosen as members in the WSU program. They accepted placements in local non-profit organizations. They will perform 1,700 work hours on specific projects and will be compensated on a bi-weekly stipend.

Members are mostly recent college graduates but the organization's mission allows people in all stages of their lives to participate.

Ruth Bures is the AmeriCorps coordinator at WSU.

Minnesota State University News

Students get scammed



Students at St. Cloud State University found themselves getting ripped off in what turned out to be a job scam.

An advertisement in *The University Chronicle* claimed that students could make thousands of dollars at home by stuffing envelopes. A fee of \$19.95 was all that was needed to start it up.

Students sent the money and didn't get anything back. The students checked out the post office box and found it was under a phony name.

People from all over the state have been sending money to this organization.

MSUSA sets agenda for '95



MSUSA has set its agenda for the 1995 legislative session. Low tuition is the main goal that the students want to achieve.

The MSUSA also wanted to increase student involvement in various areas such as policy making and research.

The hope for lower tuition has been a goal for several years. This year however the merger will be a major cost factor and full funding for higher education will be needed so students do not have to pay out of their pockets.

Bemidji State may lose hockey



Bemidji State University's hockey program is facing a crisis. An NCAA decision to eliminate national competition for Division II hockey, may cause the program to be eliminated at BSU.

BSU is currently thinking over various options to keep the team alive. The team may have to move up to Division I or move down to Division III. If the team stays in Division II the school will not be able to compete nationally.

Cultural Diversity moves forward



Moorhead State University is moving forward in its Cultural Diversity department despite various setbacks.

With death threats being called in to the head of the program many were in doubt of the program. The doubts have not stopped the program. The university is continuing to promote cross-cultural relations and hopes the program will grow.

The program started as far back as 1979 when the university helped Native American Indian students who lived on and off campus earn associate and bachelor degrees.

Peer Tutoring Winter Quarter

Peer Tutoring is a service offered by the Academic Skills Center, Housing, and the Residential College. It is FREE of charge and Available to ALL WSU students. For further information, please contact Nancy Dumke, Advising and Retention Department at 457-5600 or 457-5343.

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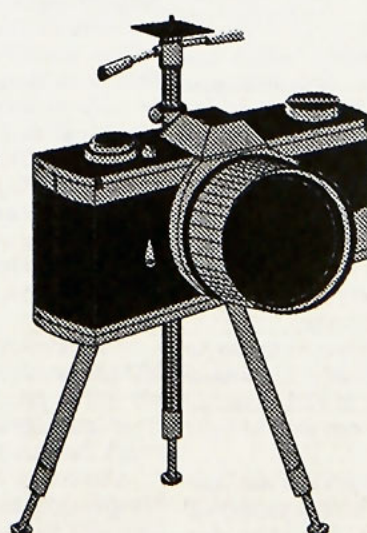
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ence and mass communications major, Devon Dillenbeck. "I know for fact there is a lot of drinking in the dorms. Then again, if you go anywhere else it's the same."

The problems with drinking on the Winona State campus may not be increasing but concerns still remain among students, faculty and administrators.

"I don't think that there is an increase in alcohol related incidents in the residence halls," said Lourdes Hall Director Darrin Dahl. "We always will have some incidents."

Students who are caught drinking or are caught in other alcohol related situations in the residence halls are often referred to the counseling services offered on campus.

Counseling services on campus give students a one on one opportunity to seek help.

"We look at the history of the problem and assess it," said Pat Ferden of the Counseling Center. "If there is an alcohol problem we will refer them for help."

Some of the places a person with an alcohol problem can be referred to are the First Step program which is through Community Memorial Hospital, or Alcoholics Anonymous.

The alcohol problem is not always obvious to students when they first go

to the counseling services. If someone does need medical treatment they usually will leave school and seek treatment back in their hometown, according to Ferden.

The alcohol problem is not always obvious to students when they first go to the counseling services.

"Often we find that the student's problem is alcohol related after we look into it," said Ferden. "I see no great change in the use of alcohol, it's the drug of choice. I think we would be working day and night if everyone who had a problem with it came to us."

Student Senate has been trying to combat alcohol related problems and incidents with various promotions.

Most recently they have sold designated driver cards. These cards are sponsored by the local bars. If you carry the card you can receive free pop all night at the bars. The goal is to have at least one person in a group sober, or to promote the idea that you don't have to drink alcohol when you are at a bar.

According to Jessica Hoffman, student senate treasurer, senate has also proposed to Student Services a program where students can call a cab and get a free ride if they are too intoxicated to drive. This would not only deter people from driving but could curb some of the problems with groups of people walking home drunk and across campus.

The problems of "binge drinking"

not only affect the drinker themselves, but others around them. Residents in dormitories, roommates, friends, loved ones and even strangers have been finding themselves in situations with those under the influence of alcohol.

"My roommate wakes me up at various hours during the week when she comes home," said junior mass communications major Kim Aasen. "It was funny at first, now it is annoying."

According to the Harvard School of Public Health study, 68 percent of college students have had study or sleep interrupted by a drunk college student.

"I try to be quiet, and sometimes I am," said Aasen's roommate Christine Bulla junior accounting major. "You just don't think about it when you get home."

The problem of students being disturbed isn't the only way alcohol can affect others. Relationships can suffer also.

"It is real common for students to come in and be worried about their relationship because their partner has a problem with alcohol," said Ferden. "A lot of students wonder what they can do."

Unwanted sexual encounters are a large majority of the problems with alcohol whether both students are drunk or not.

Drunk students found that 41 percent of them engaged in unplanned sex, while 26 percent of sober students found themselves victims of unwanted sexual advances.

Charges

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rorist threats, obstructing legal process, disorderly conduct and public nuisance. Story is facing charges of obstructing legal process, disorderly conduct, and public nuisance.

•If Givance is found guilty, he could face up to five years for terrorist threats, one year or a \$3000 fine (or both) for obstructing legal process, and for the other charges it could be 90 days or a \$700 fine, or both.

•If Story is found guilty of obstructing legal process he could face one year or a \$3000 fine (or both) and for the other charges he could face 90 days or a \$700 fine or both.

According to Jules Gernes, the ar-

resting officers actions were legitimate.

The reasons these charges are being questioned by Story and Givance are Story and Givance felt that the police should not have been allowed to enter the house without a warrant, according to Givance.

He also said that the altercation with the police, and most of these charges against them which resulted from the altercation, could have been avoided if the police would have had a warrant.

"Some forms of diversity I've got to deal with, keep my strength and stick to the books," Givance said.

Mingles

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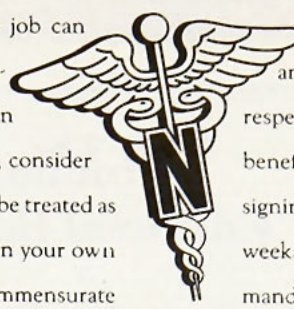
Mingles will lose their liquor license. The worst that could happen is that they have to restrict the bar to patrons who are 21 and older.

"It all depends on the outcome of the trial in February," said Navarro.

The court date will not be an official trial proceeding. The trial will be held in front of the city council, according to the case scheduling secretary at the Winona county court house.

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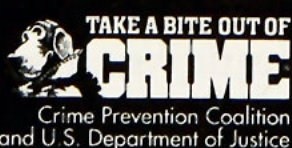


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It's our prerogative J-Board

Winona State's peer disciplinary board's, better known as J-Board, proposal to amend their constitution, thus limit media access to their case records, is absolutely ridiculous.

J-Board is citing as the basis for their proposal the Buckley Amendment, a federal statute which calls for universities to protect the academic records of its students.

In past years, J-Board's constitution called for it to provide the *Winonan* with results of its proceedings. Obviously J-Board members felt they were extending the *Winonan* some professional courtesy by doing this.

Chuck Bentley, a J-Board conduct officer, said another reason for the proposal is because the *Winonan* has failed to make use of the summaries the board provided.

In addition, J-Board's proposal would require all media representatives to submit a written request for access to its records. This is absurd.

For example, if we make an editorial decision not to publish information concerning the number of campus security escorts, should security stop compiling that information on a regular basis, thus limiting our access?

The answer is an unequivocal no.

Should new security coordinator, Donald Walski, require a written letter of request to obtain that information. Absolutely not.

What's next, a small tax on the number of pages on

which the case summaries are printed?

It is our prerogative to decide whether or not to publish J-Board's case summaries, and it is the board's responsibility to provide that information without any cumbersome requirements.

Whether or not the *Winonan* has used any of this information is not an issue. It should be available to us and to the public upon request.

A closed record policy, other than that of academic records, is a danger to this university. These kinds of policies encourage secrecy.

The university should be moving forward toward a more open policy regarding information.

A proposal such as this, places the media back hundreds of years and feeds public fears about bureaucratic conspiracies.

If students break the law, they will be tried as adults and their names will appear in the police blotter of the local newspaper. Breaking university law is no different.

In fact, J-Board should consider publishing the names of those students who come before their court.

We are not "out to get" students who violate university policy. We are trying to arm students with the information they need to make informed decisions in their decisions regarding the university.

This is an issue that all students, not just journalism majors, should be concerned about. If the university is allowed to keep secrets about what goes on at J-Board meetings, what else will be kept from the students?

Students ignore alcohol warnings

Nearly every night of the week, Winona bars play host to the same people who change the slogan from "Think when you drink" to "Drink when you think."

These people wake up the next morning to find another drinking survey laying on their porch via some newspaper.

They read about the increase of binge drinking and how some young person at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire died on his 21st birthday due to a liquor OD.

But such warnings really don't have any effect on college students' drinking habits.

All the surveys in the world are really good for nothing, except maybe a measuring stick.

Most often people compare and contrast their own drinking practices to that of the survey. It's either "Hey Mom! Did you see that survey? I told you I didn't drink too much. Oh yeah, I need more money for the downtown scene. I'm a few percentage points below the national average."

Or it's "Wow! My lead over the rest of the nation is getting bigger. I wish they would survey me one of these days."

The message here is not that Winona State University students are the biggest lushes around, but it is

obvious and has been since the 1960s that college-aged students drink a great deal.

However, sometimes the four-day-a-week drinking spree does not instantly end when the student is handed a diploma, or hopefully not, a probation slip. This is when a problem may arise. Alcoholism, as with any addiction, has to start somewhere.

Students use a number of excuses to justify their drinking habits:

• "I don't have a problem, because I drink on the weekends, and that only affects my weekend study habits."

• "You're a drunk if you can't handle your liquor and are constantly throwing-up."

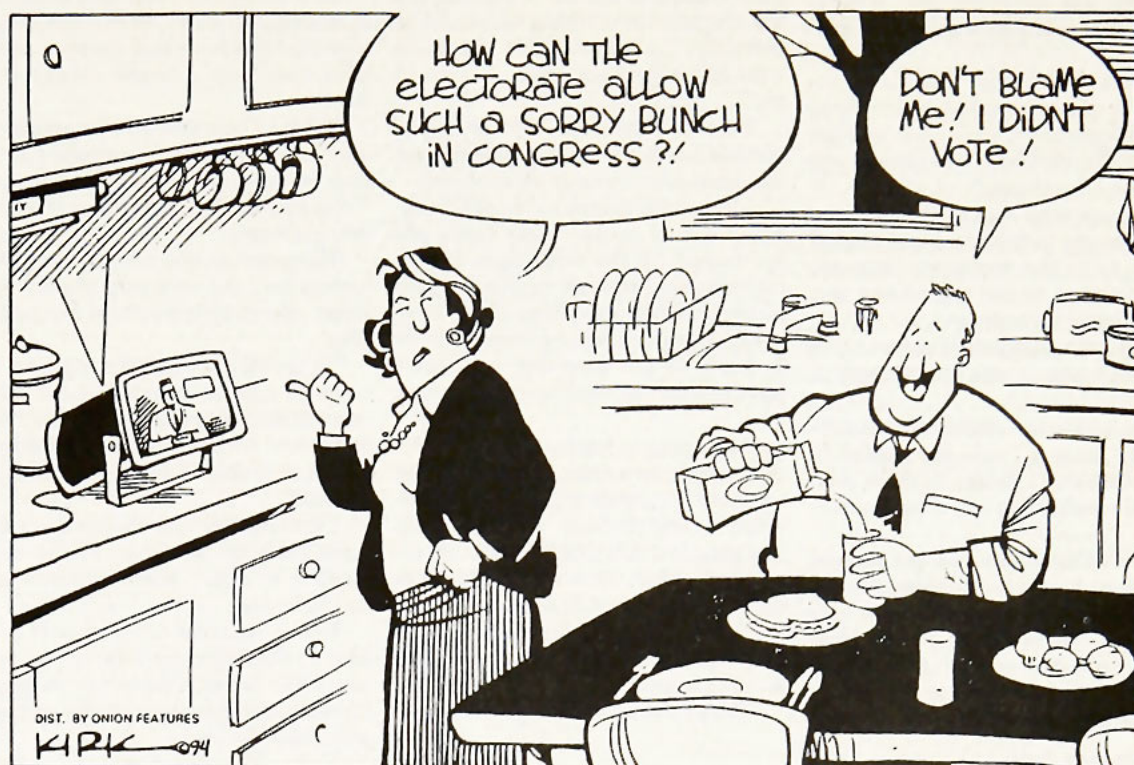
• "There's nothing else to do here in Winona, so people drink." A common excuse snuggled quietly between the bluffs.

• Another good excuse is the hypothesis that when a shot is purchased for you, it is an insult to the buyer if you refuse it.

If the excuses or peer pressure continue, drinking will take that person places no one wants to visit.

There will always be bars to drink at, parties to get crazy at, and slogans such as "Know when to say when."

Have fun and enjoy college, but at the same time, make sure you can say No.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Equal cheering

Dear Editor,

Can anyone explain this to me? Why don't the WSU cheerleaders cheer at every home basketball game? Everyone talks about equality between men's and women's sports, yet the cheerleaders spite this by picking and choosing which games they will cheer at. Not surprisingly, most of the games they skip are women's games. Our women need just as much support as our men, and I don't think it reflects very well on the university when the cheerleaders only show up in support of the men.

As director of the WSU pep band, I especially notice the absence of cheerleaders since I have to decide what happens during each time-out. The pep band attends every home basketball game to give our support, but we can't do it all by ourselves. Cheerleaders provide the fill between times when we play, but if they are not at the games, there is a lot of open space.

Mark A. Domeier
WSU Pep Band Director

Gospel choir

Dear Editor,

Last Friday night a wonderful gospel choir performed in the Performing Arts Center. They were truly inspiring and I think all those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The fact that there were people of all races, professions, and backgrounds there to take in the performance was really refreshing. It was also refreshing to see so many WSU professors and administrators there supporting a general theme of understanding and open-mindedness.

Lolisa Johnson

A better world

Dear Editor,

I am an optimist. I love life and I love people. I have been blessed in so many ways. Life is good.

Unfortunately, there is a world out there that is not my world. It is filled with violence, perversion and gore, and it is closing in on all of us. Today we have "Hulk Hogan," "Beavis and Butt-Head," Madonna, "Dirty Harry," Jim Baker, and "Silence of the Lambs" and the new hot item, "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers."

Just last week, David Keen, chief executive officer of Signature Products, Corporation, Huntsville, Ala. proudly presented his new invention, "RINO AMMO" ie, hyper-destructive handgun bullets that do maximum damage to human tissue. As he stated, "The beauty behind it is that it makes an incredible wound!"

There is plenty we can do. First, we need to get up off our rumps and address the violence merchants. Write letters, picket, complain at stock holders meetings. Work up a storm of protest. We should also discover the beauty at our very footsteps.

There are alternatives to "RINO" bullets, video games, "Dirty Harry," Atom Bombs, and Napalm. It's time to chose, for a better world.

Charles H. Jones

Thank you for supporting BCAA

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Black Culture Awareness Association (BCAA), and Winona State's Culture Diversity Office, I would like to thank those who

help us celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 13, 1995. I feel that the students, faculty and community members enriched this event with their very presence.

As the Sam Gospel Choir performed, I felt that for the first time, in a long time, I had a burst of energy. I think a great majority of that feeling came from the participation of the audience members, who attended the performance in great numbers.

It has always been one of my goals, along with BCAA and Culture Diversity, to bring and share diversity with this tiny acre of land called Winona. I think that one of the biggest fears that we have as people in general is the fear of the unknown. We become intimidated by our fears and withdraw from each other when dealing with the different minority groups now living in Winona.

However, this past Friday many of us took the first steps in confronting and understanding that which makes us afraid.

I was very surprised by the numbers that I saw slowly increase as the night progressed, indicating the excellent job Winona State has done in promoting diversity. However, there is plenty of room for improvement, but the foundation has somewhat been laid.

I hope we all got the message in our celebration of such an American hero—Martin Luther King Jr. The one thing we should all remember is that it wasn't just Dr. King's dream, but the vision that he had in his dream.

I hope we took the spiritual songs we heard, sang and also felt, and use the lyrics to guide us our every day lives; forget not the definition that was taught to us that night.

I hope that we become consistent with learning of and about others. There are many upcoming events that we should continue to participate in, for we all have roles in these activities.

I pray these and other activities will teach us to love in our hearts, seek truth in our worlds, have peace in our minds, and pursue freedom in our lives and justice for all.

DeShun Givance Sr.
President of BCAA

College costs increasing fast

Dear Editor,

As you know, the cost of education is increasing steadily and it is a point of for both students and their families. College costs have risen faster than the rate of inflation for the past 10 years. According to the Opinion Research Corporation, 82 percent of the general public agree that rising college costs will soon make college an unreachable goal for most people.

In addition to the high cost of tuition, students are often frustrated by complicated forms, long processing delays and the many restrictions involved in financing their education.

Private companies have scholarships available to college and vocational school students which are not dependent on grade point average (GPA) nor demonstrated financial need. Because students do not have access to these private sources of funding, millions of dollars go unclaimed each year. Companies receive tax benefits for supporting education and want to distribute these funds rapidly to students meeting basic requirements. Over \$100 million in scholarships went unclaimed during the 1990-1991 academic year.

Students and their families are understandably concerned. If furthering your education is important, shouldn't you be exploring every available option?

Rosemary Kastner

It's inevitable, semesters soon

Dear Editor,

As a student at WSU who has been involved in, and witness to politicking and bickering between students, faculty and administration for four years now, it's sad to see that when the students and faculty finally have the chance to get together and bond for the common good of WSU, it will mean absolutely nothing.

I'm talking about the student forum and the faculty vote taking place this Wednesday afternoon. This vote will be the final step in WSU's inevitable transformation from quarters to semesters and there's nothing anybody can do to prevent it from happening now!

The only purpose in having the vote at all is to decide when WSU will switch from the quarter system to the semester system.

The decision to switch was made for WSU by the political hierarchy which makes up the MSUS board and the state legislature, with little or no input from the parties most effected by the switch—the students and faculty of WSU.

Now, unfortunately, it's too late for the students and faculty to have a say in the fate of the university.

Students and faculty can send petitions galore to the state capitol, but it won't change anything except the students and faculty's view of the MSUS board and the state legislature as power mongers and megalomaniacs and not the friends of higher education that they make themselves out to be.

So, go ahead! Go to the forum and speak your mind and let the faculty know how you feel about the inevitable changes facing this university. But keep in mind that anything you say is ultimately going to be nothing but a lot of hot air blowing past the ears of the people who are supposed to help us, not hinder us.

John Denison
Junior, education major

Blame student senate, or WSU's head of security

Dear Editor,

In reviewing your article on the new WSU Security Director I would like to correct two statements that were inaccurate.

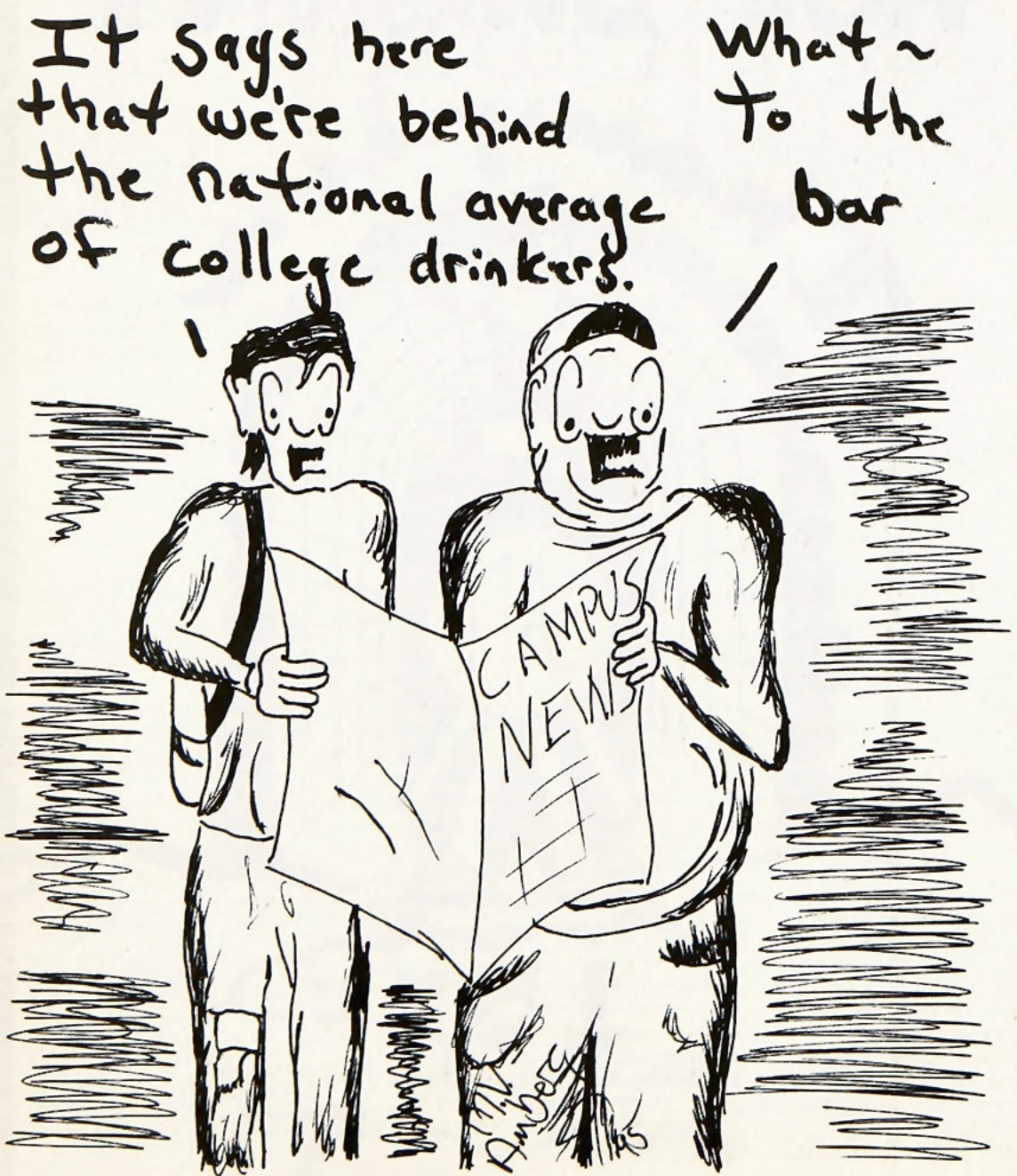
You stated that Dahl and Kane were criticized for a decision to spend \$5000 on Code Blue. Actually the Student Senate authorized the expenditure and allocated the money out of the Student Activity Fund Reserve.

You also stated that Dahl and Kane were criticized for selecting the location of the two Code Blue systems, when in fact the placement was selected by the Student Services committee of the Student Senate.

I think it is inappropriate for you to make inaccurate reports, and I would encourage you in the future to check the facts before you publish.

Chuck Bentley

We invite our readers to share their ideas in these columns. All letters must be received by the Sunday preceeding our Wednesday publication days. Please send letters to the *Winonan*, Kryzsko Commons, Winona, MN 55987. The more concise the letters, the less we will have to edit for our space.



Opinion

Winona State's First Student Newspaper

Missouri fights school integration

By BRYANT L. SCOTT
Managing Editor

Educators are watching intently as a 10-year-old, \$1.3 billion federal court mandated experiment—to help integrate Kansas City's predominantly African American schools—plays out in the United States Supreme Court.

At the heart of Missouri v. Jenkins is a question about the limits of federally mandated school desegregation. Almost 20 years after the 1958 landmark case, Brown v. Board of Education (also originating in Missouri), which called for an end to segregated schooling, a federal court found in 1977 that Missouri continued to underfund its urban schools.

Now almost 10 years and \$1.3 billion after the 1977 mandate, Missouri v. Jenkins alleges that only outward appearances in Kansas City's 72-school system district have improved.

Missouri argued that desegregation is limited to balancing the ratio of Black-to-White students.

Conversely, the school district's lawyers argued test scores have increased minimally over the last 10 years, but more time is needed. They also point to the increased interest of high school graduates in attending college, and doing well in college.

But, there are several underlying political issues the Supreme Court will inevitably have to address in this case:

- The culturally biased nature of standardized testing and educators continued use of these test to define intelligence.

- How much money and time is needed to make-up for historical injustices perpetrated against African Americans and other ethnic minorities?

- The focus of Kansas City schools' on combating white flight, as opposed to concentrating on bettering the education of those students already there.

- The Court's decision will affect similar cases pending around the nation.

"This case could help define the end game for desegregation cases nationwide by laying out the limits the states or other violators are required to go through to get to the finish line," Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon was quoted as saying in the Jan. 10 issue of the *Christian Science Monitor*.

Nixon argues that improving the test scores of inner-city students goes beyond the scope of desegregation mandates.

"The only way you could improve test scores is if you were going to get into every house, every societal problem, ..." Nixon was quoted as saying in the *Monitor*.

John Bryant, a White Kansas City police officer, summed-up the crux of the problem in trying to entice whites students to attend the inner-city schools.

"I don't know what they are trying to prove putting these suburban-style schools in the worst parts of the

city," Bryant was quoted as saying in the *Monitor*. "I don't want to send my kid to a school where if he misses the bus, he could get his throat slit."

In the early eighties, Whites and middle-class Blacks flew to the suburbs to avoid the crime, violence, and drugs destroying American inner-cities.

And although many of these Kansas City schools have become magnet schools, emphasizing study in areas such as "Classical Greek", Latin, and computer technologies, this doesn't solve greater societal problems associated with inner-cities.

And even with the elaborate busing and taxi system, less than 1,500 suburban students have transferred to the Kansas City schools. Moreover, enrollment of white students in the urban schools has decreased slightly since the plan was instituted in 1984.

Walter Marks, superintendent of the Kansas City schools, is optimistic about continuing the improvement of the urban schools.

Marks said more time is needed to see concrete improvement in standardized testing. He said the plan has just entered into its final stages, and people expected too much too soon.

Marks is being attacked on two fronts. Whites are criticizing the plan for its lack of improvement in increasing test scores, and Blacks no longer want to focus on enticing Whites to transfer from the suburbs.

Marks said many Blacks, who once supported the original mission of the plan, now want to focus solely on bettering the education of those students currently attending the city schools.

There are also those critics of the plan who contend that minorities results in standardized testing will never increase, until the tests reflect the diversity of American society.

Americans and more specifically, Missourians, must acknowledge that over 400 years of systematic oppression can't be overcome in 30 or 40 years of legislation.

For generations African Americans were told they were intellectually inferior to Whites; their schools were underfunded and poorly supplied.

Even today, books like "The Bell Curve" by Charles Murray, a former executive in the Reagan administration, postulate that Blacks are by nature less capable in the classroom.

There aren't many white Americans still living who can be held directly responsible for past injustices.

But it was probably the racism America so blatantly practiced which allowed so many Whites to prosper at the expense of a whole race.

Conceding these arguments, it becomes clearly apparent why this case may be the most significant desegregation case since Brown v. Board of Education.

News Analysis

the Antagonists

Welfare reform next for Congress

Last November's elections ushered in much more than a new Republican majority. In fact, as a result of these latest elections we find this nation



By
RANDAL
McDOWELL

in search of its soul, in search of itself, in search of what values and standards it wants for its citizens, in short, America has no idea what to do with itself.

For example, if you ask a majority of Americans if this nation should provide health care to all its citizens, most would say yes.

If you asked if welfare should be, somehow, revamped most would overwhelmingly agree that Welfare as we know it needs to be changed. The only problem is that nobody wants to pay for it, nobody. And this is precisely where "the majority of Americans" go wrong.

A recent CNN-Newsweek poll glaringly illustrates America's selfish, self-absorbed attitude. In this poll, over 60 percent of the respondents said "the way things are today, people have to worry more about themselves and their families and less about helping others."

So then, tell me, just how are we to solve these problems? Should we simply discontinue them and force those in need to fend for themselves?

Should we as a nation turn our backs on this nation's most needy knowing that in doing so it will only cost us millions more in the future?

The truth is simple: Americans are selfish and greedy. In short, America has lost its sense of community, we have become cold and callous to those around us.

We as a community, as a state, as a nation cannot survive unless we have a collective notion of ourselves.

We can't continue having one-third of this nation's poor, uneducated and desperate while the top one-third prospers.

We cannot expect different cultures not to develop among these groups while the middle one-third is fighting to survive. It simply cannot continue to take place if we expect this nation to survive.

We can only survive if we stop placing blame upon everyone else. The blame falls upon us as a people and as a nation. We can no longer ignore the realities plaguing this nation. To do so will only ensure a further decline of the American spirit and repeat on the past.

The debate over welfare reform is heating up once again in Washington and despite the overwhelming call for change in the recent elections many liberals still haven't got the hint.



By
DARRIN
HERRERA

The government has taken over every facet of our lives. We are living in a welfare state where the government provides economic protection for all of its citizens at the price of individual liberty.

This not only removes the incentives of individual economic growth, but growth as a nation.

Newt Gingrich and the Republicans have come up with a welfare reform plan that are country has needed for many years. Their plan can be stated simply, get people off welfare rolls and onto payrolls.

For many liberals this idea that one should have to work in order to be a productive part of society is totally ludicrous.

This type of thinking has been accepted for the past fifty years in our country, but fortunately for everyone those days are over.

One thing I think that many people don't understand is Republicans are not simply trying to save federal dollars by cutting welfare spending, rather they are trying to motivate people to help themselves. Unfortunately many people in this country are not willing to help themselves, they are content to live off you and I.

The Republicans plan of welfare reform is not meant to throw families into the streets, like many liberals may want you to believe. Their plan is based on the fact if you do not make an effort to help yourself or your family you will be cut off.

Although this may be hard for many to swallow it is an effective means to a positive end. Many of the problems we see in America today like drug addiction, crime, and racism have stemmed from feelings of worthlessness and apathy.

What we need is to look at the value system in this country and reward those who have worked hard to do well instead of allowing people to remain idle in their listlessness.

If the Republicans welfare reform system is given a chance those who are currently opposed to this ideology may finally see that instead of trying to hurt people the Republican are in fact trying to help.

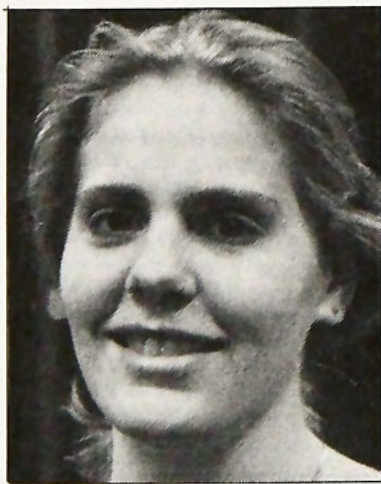
FORUM

Is binge drinking a problem with WSU students?



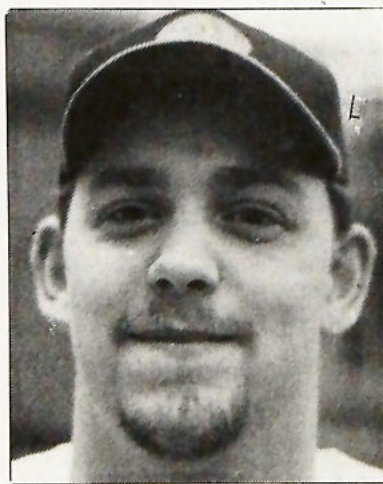
Yes, People going to the bars on weekdays cause people to skip classes, as a result it creates problems.

Mary Pawelek
sophomore
nursing major



Yes it is. A lot of students do it because of it's status symbol.

Stephanie Decker
freshman
special education major



Considering that campus violence has been increasing, I think that is related to an increase in binge drinking.

Rick Hinz
senior
finance major



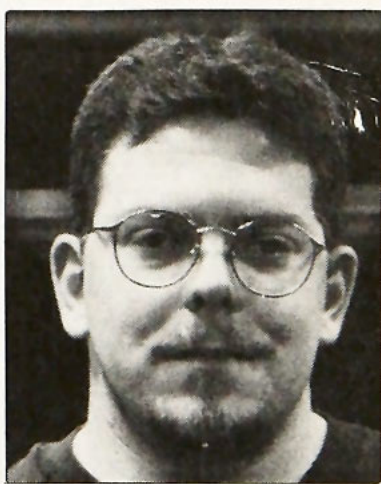
Drinking is a problem but to what extent I'm not sure, I think especially people who are underage take drinking too far.

Deevelyn Keys
freshman
mass communication major



Yes, this is a problem. They drink because there is nothing else to do here.

Vassil Vulov
freshman
pre-medicine



No, I don't think it's a problem. Most of the students are social drinkers and just drink with their friends.

Robert Wenzell
junior
nursing

By
KELLY DUBIS
columnist &
FAZLY ALAHI
photographer

binge drinkers. She defines "frequent binge drinkers" as those who have at least four or five drinks at one time on at least three occasions in a two week span.

These statistics were taken from a study done on 140 U.S. colleges by the Harvard School of Public Health. The study was done on colleges where 50 percent of the students were classified as binge drinkers. This study included a chart of statistics involving "The Troubles that 'Frequent Binge Drinkers' Create for..." themselves and for others.

One of the largest findings from this study is that 61 percent of all students have missed a class or classes due to alcohol. In addition, 54 percent have at one time or another forgotten where they were or what they did.

Some other stats involving 50 percent or more of the students involved in the study include having unplanned and unprotected sex, having had to care for others while drunk, and having one's sleep or study interrupted due to alcohol.

Other students have had encounters with the police or campus security.

How often do the students of this university get inebriated, annihilated, toasted, bombed, or plain old drunk? Whichever way one wants to phrase this particular ritual, it means the same thing—too much alcohol. But the question at hand is whether or not it is a problem at WSU?

In the Dec. 19, 1994, issue of *Time* magazine, Christine Gorman said a vast majority of college students are

Some completely embarrass and humiliate themselves while under the influence.

The main focus of this article is about several campuses which are beginning anti-alcohol movements. These movements have been started by students who do not need alcohol to have a good time, and they are "tired of paying \$20,000 a year to have someone throw up on their shoes."

They have created alcohol and drug-free living and study environments. These students take a vow to stay sober for their four years of school. Many are also helping to begin Alcoholics Anonymous chapters on their campuses.

Every student across the U.S. has a grand plan of what they want out of their education, and it is wonderful that students who want to avoid alcohol and drugs can be in such a sheltered environment.

However, the key word is sheltered. These students may be secluding themselves from meeting some very wonderful people, just because those people may occasionally want to drink. And Alcoholics Anonymous? I know very few individuals, if any, at WSU who I would characterize as an alcoholic.

Problems do exist, but students need to learn from their mistakes and other's, as in any other aspect of life. Protecting yourself from alcohol will not cause you to remain a saint, or to keep you from avoiding trouble.

It only takes common sense. Alcohol may taint one's sense, but this is where one must learn from experience and not repeat the incident.

It is ridiculous to define a binge drinker as someone who has four to five drinks in a night on three separate occasions in a two week span. For the majority of students, four to five drinks in a night will not cause them to be drunk and regurgitate on someone's shoes.

In fact, students want more than studying and staying on campus out of their

four years of college, they want fun and adventure. Quite often, the bar scene and a beer is a good way to unwind with friends.

Of course there are dangers with drinking, and that's where awareness must come in to play. As the *Time* article stated, "Alcohol plays a role in 90 percent of all rapes and violent crimes on campus."

Students need to realize that alcohol consumed in vast quantities can result in many of the problems stated above in the study, and possibly even death. Students must know to drink only quantities their bodies can handle, and know not to drive or let others drive after drinking.

In fact, there have been several recent tragedies that were alcohol-related, such as the sorority house that burned down at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse a few years ago resulting in the death of a student, as well as the riot at the University of Wisconsin at Madison a couple years ago.

And as you all know, there is the recurring reminder of the Winona community's opposition to Springfest, Winona State's weekend bash, because we students can't control our alcohol.

The problem seems to hold true to the first and second year students more than the older students. The reason being that the first and second year students have just left mom and dad and have entered into a world of greater freedoms. This can be so exciting that often partying is the greatest thing that exists. However, it gets old.

As students mature, they learn to realize that getting drunk and sick just isn't as fun as it used to be. Yet, drinking still remains a way to unwind with friends, and the four to five drinks in a night is no where near being a problem or binge drinking.

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Arts & Variety

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Impressions from the hypogeum

After the party

By DEAN KORDER
Columnist

The streamers are still hung from the ceiling with transparent tape that you can see the minute you walk in the room. Sarah is smoking a cigarette, 100 millimeters and counting. The smoke trails from her mouth and she inhales it into her nose before she exhales it with a sigh.

The party hats are stacked in makeshift piles on the table. Along with the newspapers, the full ashtrays, the half-full bottles of beer, the half-empty champagne glasses, the confetti, and the trays of half-eaten hors d'oeuvres, the party hats have found their way into the kitchen from all the nooks and crannies of the house. For Sarah, cleaning-up always started with a hangover and three Motrin.

Sarah feigns stamping the cigarette out on top of a mountain of butts. The smoldering cherry ignites the pile of butts, and the stink of burning filters mingles with the already pungent odors of stale alcohol and cheap cologne.

Sarah straightens up in her seat and pushes the chair away from the table. She rises with a pain in her lower back and a warmth within her stomach. She holds back a belch with the tips of her fingers and starts to empty ashtrays. "This is it," she thinks aloud.

"No more of this."

She begins to sort the things on the table. She puts the glasses and bottles in the sink. The plastic champagne glasses she empties, she thinks of throwing them away, and then decides to recycle them. She puts them in the sink and starts to run some dishwater. She rinses out the beer bottles and puts them back in the cases, sorting them by brand.

Bending over, she can already feel the changes in her body. She rushes to the toilet in time to relieve herself of everything she had eaten the night before. She reaches up to flush and finds herself staring into a whirling rush of water.

He woke with a bad taste in his mouth and Jessica next to him in bed. He smacked his lips together hoping for any hint of saliva. There wasn't any. He needed a drink. He got up and found his way to the upstairs bathroom. With cold water, he rinsed his face and palmed himself a drink. He didn't even look in the mirror, he didn't want to know, before he went back to his room.

Jessica was passed out on her stomach. Her brown hair fell across her face. Dave scratched his crotch, found his underwear among the shit on the floor, and slipped them on. He crawled back into bed. Jessica groaned and rolled toward him. He laid on his back and stared at the ceiling for quite a while before he drifted back off to sleep.

Sarah found herself thinking about how disgusting the toilet bowl was. She couldn't look at it any more. She pulled herself up off the floor and then sat down on the side of the tub. Her head was throbbing. Her stomach was churning. Her life was falling apart.

"Hell," she told herself, "hangovers and morning sickness go together about as well as Dave and I do." She remembered the water running in the kitchen, pulled herself together, and got out of the bathroom.

Sarah was sitting at the table when Dave came in. The place was spotless, even the plastic champagne glasses had been dried and put away. Dave was still in his underwear as he made his way to the refrigerator. He opened the door, looked around, and pulled out a bottle of Miller. He went to the silverware drawer, pulled out an opener, and proceeded to open his beer. He placed the opener back in the drawer and turned to Sarah.

"Did you do this," he said, indicating the cleanliness of the room.

"Yeah," Sarah sighed.

"What's wrong?"

"I'm pregnant."

Dave choked on the beer he was trying to swallow. She had told him she could never get pregnant. After they had sex the second time, he asked her about birth control, knowing it was already a bit late to be asking, and she told him that it was "physically impossible" for her to get pregnant and that he had nothing to worry about. She muttered something about surgery and this and that and said to him, flat out, that there was "no way" she could ever get pregnant. Now this?

"You're what?"

"Pregnant."

It took Dave a moment before it began to sink in. His first thought was school. He had to get through school. His second thought was Jessica. What was he going to say to Jessica? She didn't even know that he had slept with Sarah. His last thought was Sarah. What did she want him to do? She told him she could never get pregnant.

"I thought you said you couldn't get pregnant."

"That's what I thought, but, but I was wrong."

"You were wrong," the words came out harsher than he had intended.

"They always said there was a one in a million chance. This was that one in a million."

What could he say? Should he tell her to have an abortion? He couldn't even think it. The only thing she had ever wanted was a baby. How could he tell her to have an abortion? He couldn't. But, he also couldn't tell her he loved her. He couldn't tell her he was happy. He couldn't say anything except, "What do you want me to do?"

Dave found himself a chair at the table. Sarah sat across from him. It was a long while before their eyes met. He couldn't be angry at her, but he was disappointed in himself. He should have used a condom for no other reason than to protect himself from any kind of communicable diseases. He always used a condom. What the hell was he thinking?

The first time they had sex, they had been drinking. There was no stopping the two of them. Sarah admitted her attraction to him while they were listening to some bad 70's cover band and they had closed the bar with a slow song and a shot of Jack Daniel's. A friend dropped the two of them off at Sarah's dorm room and they wrestled around in her loft until the early hours of the morning.

It was a good night. A memorable night, but there were other things to consider. There was Jessica.

Sarah didn't seem to mind that Jessica was now omnipresent in his life. In fact, as Jessica and him were heading up for bed last night, he distinctly remembered Sarah telling them to have a "good" time. Thinking about last night, he couldn't believe what was happening now.

He looked across the table at Sarah. He wanted to do what was right, but what was right? They were still sitting at the table when Jessica came in.

Jessica was wearing white panties and a WSU t-shirt that was too small for her. She rubbed her eyes, looked about the room, and headed for the fridge. She pulled out a beer, looked around for an opener, and then looked at Dave. He pointed in the direction of the drawer, and as Jessica opened her beer, he looked at her back. He looked back at Sarah. She was also looking at Jessica's back. When Jessica turned, she could feel their eyes turn away.

"What's gotten into you two?"

Sarah and Dave both shifted in their seats and said "nothing" simultaneously.

Jessica sat down at the table and began pulling the label off her beer bottle. She looked at Sarah and then at Dave. "Who the fuck died?" No one said a word.

"Oh Christ, don't tell me," Jessica said, "Sarah's pregnant." She laughed aloud, but no one was laughing with her.

Puke and Snot fill Somsen

By AMY JO HAHN
Variety Reporter

Puke and Snot. Sounds pretty gross, but the name didn't keep students away as the comedic pair filled Somsen Auditorium with laughter last Thursday, Jan. 12.

WSU students hunched over their aching stomachs as they couldn't stop laughing as Puke and Snot brought jokes, puns and ridicule to the stage.

They both had continuous smiles on their faces, seemingly enjoying the audience response. Their energy was easily transferred to the crowd.

Puke and Snot were brought to WSU and sponsored by U-PAC. The event was free to the public. They perform yearly at the Renaissance Festival in Shakopee, Minn.

"I've seen them before. Their routine was similar, but it was still hilarious," said Melissa Jackson, junior advertising major.

Hilarious was right, according to the majority of comedy-goers. Most agreed that they were quick with remarks and jibes, and practically everything they said and did had some sort of sexual inclination.

They were dressed in Renaissance flare with the flowing poet's shirts, tights, and knee-high leather boots. Each had a mug in-hand that they swung around, and joked of what type of liquor was inside their mugs.

"I enjoyed it immensely. The show makes me laugh every time I see it," said Christopher Sattler, senior biology major from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse.

They brought sword play to the stage, talked about pirates, poetry and bull-fighting in sometimes vulgar but comedic terms.

Puke and Snot also worked with the crowd, and involved it in their performance.

They also made fun of one another, spouted poetry to women in the audience, poetry that usually was the other side of flattery and tried to make sure that the people in the first row were getting their jokes.

"I liked the fact that one interacts with the crowd a lot, and also wherever they are, they always try to bring the people and the area into their performance," Jackson said.

Puke and Snot poked fun at Saint Mary's College, which brought a major roar and applause from the already responsive crowd.

Knowing a little about the area helped in getting the crowd into their performance and they were very successful at doing so.

If you missed this performance, you can maybe still catch them in August at the Renaissance Festival in Shakopee. And maybe because of the positive crowd response, U-PAC will bring them back to WSU again next year.



Bret Johnson/Staff Photographer
Puke & Snot, a comedy duo from the Renaissance Festival in Shakopee, Minn. perform in WSU's Somsen Hall on Thursday Jan. 12.

Musical tribute celebrates MLK

By BECCA OLSON
Variety Reporter

The Rev. Martin Luther King's dream was remembered and honored before a packed auditorium at the Performing Arts Center on the Winona State campus Friday, Jan. 13. Together the Office of Cultural Diversity and the Black Cultural Awareness Association sponsored the commemorative service that featured the Sam Davis Gospel Ensemble from Minneapolis. Although the actual holiday in remembrance of King is Jan. 16, the service was held on Friday because no classes were held on Monday for the holiday.

The crowd was greeted by Dr. Maudie M. Williams, professor of education and cultural diversity at WSU. She welcomed everyone to honor King and live by the dream he had.

John Nett, vice president/consumer manager for Norwest Bank of Winona, talked briefly about the cooperation between the bank and the Office of Cultural Diversity at WSU. As a business in Winona it hopes to be educated with regards to cultural diversity. They have had various workshops to educate their employees on diversity. It hopes that its lead will spark other businesses to move toward being more educated and aware of cultural diversity.

President of Black Cultural Awareness Deshun Givance also gave a tribute to Martin Luther King. He related King's dream and his message to his own life, how he had succeeded in life, defying the statistics that an early 20's, black, single male is up against.

Calvin Winbush, WSU assistant vice-president of cultural diversity, introduced the Sam Davis Gospel ensemble, and invited the audience to follow Sam through his history lesson of African Americans.



Susan Loechler/Staff Photographer
Sharon Wetson of the Sam Davis Gospel Ensemble sing "I Got Hope" Friday night at the commemorative service in honor of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

cans. The ensemble was an interdenominational, multi-cultural group who is together to sing praises of God. It consisted of Sam; the leader on piano; one bass player; drummer; and four vocalists, one male and three females. They performed a message of Negro Spirituals and Gospel of Jesus Christ, a God who loves all.

David began explaining why we should live together peacefully. He said, "We might have

come over on different boats, whether it be the Mayflower or a slave ship, yet we find ourselves today all in the same boat."

The ensemble told a story. A progression of black religious music. The music shows the intelligence of the slaves as forefathers. The history lesson began with a message of hope and hopelessness in a time of slavery. With each song came a new message of the history of

African Americans.

"Songs are artifacts, they allow us to understand the people," explained Sam in regard to their musical history lesson.

There is respect for a heritage that is kept alive by King's followers. The message, according to Sam is, "Celebrate what he brought and left us. Go on to lessons of non-violence because we are all connected."

Support your local bands

By DAVID HRUBY
Music Critic

God's Favorite Band, can be found in the Twin Cities. So can Milk, Zu Zu's Petals, Balloon Guy, Green Pyramids, and Taconite Heaven. No this is not some scavenger hunt list for you and your friends. They're bands, great bands, great local bands. Do they sound familiar? Most likely not, at least not to the majority of WSU students.

These are just some of the bands pouring their guts out every night in tiny bar rooms and Twin Cities dance halls, trying to somehow make their mark in music. The list could go on to include the likes of Matt Wilson, Vibro Champs, Boneclub, Nixon Pupils, Polara, etc.

So what's the point? The point is get out there and see these groups now. You don't realize just how good the club scene is in the Twin Cities. Other metropolitan areas would die to have the kind of vibrant, thriving music acts the Twin Cities has cultivated as of late. This isn't just music critic bull, it's a fact.

Find out for yourself, go experiment a little, you won't be disappointed. If you want, and I strongly suggest this, pick up "Minnesota Modern Rock Volume One" put out by the Edge 93.7 fm. It's available at Music Land, Sam Goody and other Twin Cities record stores. It's only \$9.37, which by the way goes to charity, and it has every band mentioned plus many more.

Twenty, solid, hard working Twin Cities acts all brought together for you to hear. Many of these bands don't even have albums out yet so this is the only place outside of the clubs to hear them.

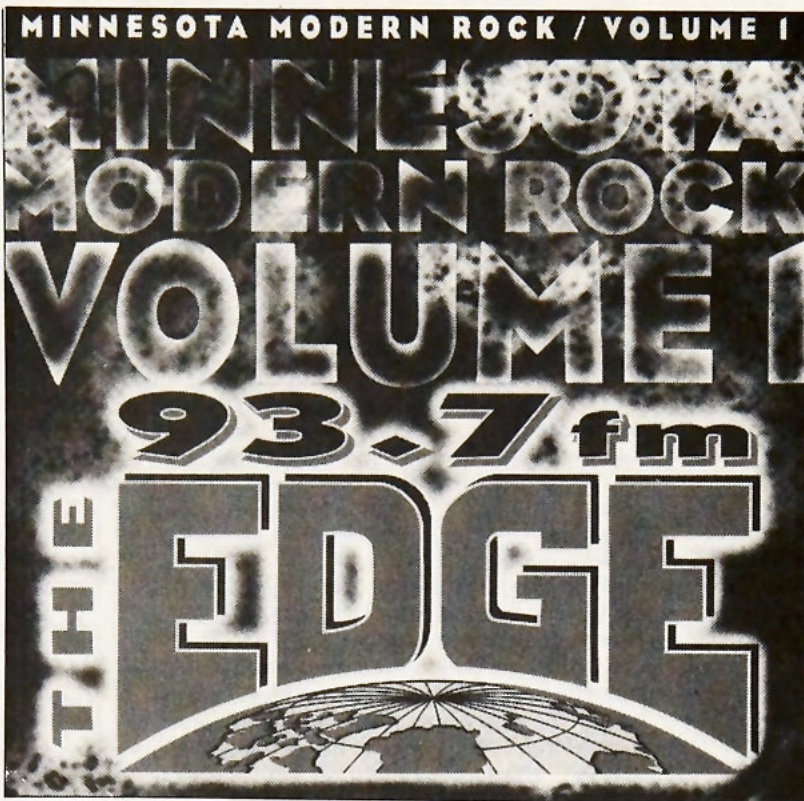
Will every band on it be the next Soul Asylum or Gear Daddies? No. Will every band you go see become huge and you can say you saw 'em when? Probably not.

They will put on some of the best shows you'll ever be lucky enough to see, and play some of the greatest songs you've heard, and that's a promise. Further, more than a couple of these bands are going to go on and make a name for themselves and you won't be able to see them in small clubs for long.

I'm not going to tell you what these bands sound like, I'm not going to rate them as being better or worse than band X, I'll let you do that. All I'm telling you is take advantage of what's at hand. Get your damn asses out of the Mall of America while your in the Cities and actually go check out some real clubs and bars. No they may not be shiny clean or have neon illuminated dance floors (which is a bonus in my book), but they have something better, character and great music. A night at the 400 Bar, Bunkers, Cabooze, the First Avenue and the 7th Street Entry, wherever in the Twin Cities is going to be a night to remember.

These bands bust their butts trying to be heard and get noticed. The least we could do is glance their way once in a while, and maybe, just maybe you might have the time of your life. As a last thought ponder this, the best music is never, ever on the radio.

News and notes: Tina is at Rascals Feb. 18, Nine Inch Nails is at the La Crosse Center Feb. 5. Check out the new album "VIVA SUBURBS" it's the Suburbs recorded live at First Avenue last March. In a word, amazing! (The horn section steals the show)



Just for the health of it Right to the point

By JESSICA
ADSIT
Variety Editor



If 40-50 needles carefully placed into your skin would relieve your addiction to smoking or ease the pain of an aching back, would you do it?

More people are saying that they would or even that they are already seeking the ancient treatment of acupuncture.

Last year, Americans made nine to 12 million visits to acupuncturists, a number that continues to rise each year.

The growing popularity and respect for the therapy has prompted the country's leading acupuncturists to approach the Food and Drug Administration in an attempt to gain its support. No decision has been made yet, but there could be one as early as May.

If the FDA gives its approval, it will be the first time it has supported any medicinal treatments originating from a theory outside that of traditional medicine.

It may also mean that the treatments will be covered by more insurance companies.

The increase in patients turning to acupuncture is partly due to the rising

number of acupuncturists receiving mainstream medical degrees. Of the 9,000 practicing acupuncturists in America, more than a third are also medical doctors.

According to acupuncturists, health is achieved and maintained by reaching a balance of a force called qi (pronounced chee).

It may sound a little too far-fetched for most, but many chronically ill patients turn to the therapy as a last resort for relief.

One recent study found that 50-80 percent of patients receiving acupuncture treatments found short-term relief from acute or chronic pain.

There are approximately 400 acupuncture points along the body. Most needles are not inserted very deep, about a quarter of an inch. To make sure an acupuncturist is in the right spot, he twirls the needle after inserting it. He is waiting for a response from the patient of a heavy or numb feeling at the point of the needle.

There are many uses for acupuncture, but pain control is the most common. People have sought the help of acupuncturists for muscle strain, headaches and menstrual cramps.

A few needles in the ear for a 30 minutes a day may help nicotine, alcohol and drug addicts to kick the habit. Supposedly, there are four points on the ear that, if stimulated, can reduce the craving of these chemicals.

It may also be used to treat nausea associated with morning sickness or motion sickness as well as the treatment of asthma and insomnia.

WSU Ad Fed competes for Dodge Neon campaign

By PAULA HOUSTON
Variety reporter

A group of WSU students are being "welcomed" into the real world of campaign advertising.

The American Advertising Federation is again sponsoring a campaign competition for all interested local student chapters. This year, WSU's own American Advertising Federation (Ad Fed) chapter has decided to take part in the national competition.

Ron Elcombe, WSU advertising teacher said, "The reason we did do

this competition is that 'win, lose or draw', it's a real life project."

"It's an opportunity for them to apply what they learn in the classroom to a real product situation," he said.

According to Elcombe, this is the first time the WSU Ad Fed has a team fielded for this competition.

This competition is, Elcombe said, "the largest national advertising competition in the United States."

"Every year they get a corporate sponsor who pays for it and they use their product for the campaign." This year's sponsor is the Dodge Neon.

The competition has two levels. The

first level is the regional competition which will be held on April 23. At this level, they will be competing with, Elcombe estimates, about 10-12 regions throughout the country.

"The winner of the region goes on to compete nationally," said Elcombe. The national competition will be held on June 1.

Jenny Laatsh, junior advertising and marketing major said, "It is a bit overwhelming. There is a lot you need to know and do."

About 20-25 people will be working on the actual campaign, but only five will actually present the campaign.

These five will be chosen sometime in March.

According to Marne Brase, WSU Ad Fed president, it is required that of the five who present they must be paid Ad Fed members.

The hardest thing, according to Toni Czajka, junior mass communication-advertising major, is that "a lot of it has to be done by students themselves. A lot of students at different levels have to come up with ideas themselves."

"About half (of those involved) are Ad Fed members and half various advertising, public relations and marketing students," Brase said.

Czajka said, "The competition was open to anyone who was interested."

"It will be rewarding when we do get the whole thing together, knowing we did get through it. Next year we'll have more of an idea of what we are getting into," she said.

The WSU Ad Fed chapter was only reinstated to the campus last year. According to Elcombe and Brase, the WSU Ad Fed chapter had been dormant for eight to 10 years.

Brase said, "The people that worked on it before never set its roots and it

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Lourdes sponsors weekly seminar

By ANGELA PECKMAN
Variety Reporter

Alan Davis, a professor at Moorhead State University, visited WSU's Residential College last Tuesday to present some selected works and short stories.

Davis' presentation was part of a series of presentations held at Lourdes Hall and Residential College known as the Tuesday Night Topics Seminar.

During his presentation, Davis read a short story from his 1993 book, *Rumors From the Lost World*.

"I was really impressed by his creativity," stated Freshman Psychology Major Suzanne Robb.

"His writing was not what I had expected. His presentation was thought provoking, and it really kept me interested. The presentation was not what I thought it was going to be. It was better."

Davis, whose writings are a mixture of fiction and non-fiction, wrapped up his visit by answering questions from the audience.

Davis is a winner of the Minnesota Voices Award, and his work has been acclaimed in publications such as *The New York Times Book Review*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and the *Hudson Review*.

"I was surprised that more people didn't show up," added Robb regarding the 54-person audience.

"I think that a lot of people would like to attend, but the location is a problem. Students who live on the main campus have a long walk to Lourdes unless they have cars. On cold winter nights, people would rather stay in than walk 11 blocks," she said.

Though the location may be inconvenient

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English artist sculpts life around pottery



Seth Cardew, a world-renowned traditional English potter, discusses the aspects of designing pottery at a workshop he conducted in Watkins Hall on last Wednesday as part of the Lyceum Series.

By NATALIE LARSON
Variety Reporter

A day long hands-on pottery workshop was held in Watkins Hall following a presentation given by Seth Cardew, a traditional English potter.

Cardew's lecture and slide show was held Tuesday evening, Jan. 10 in Stark Auditorium. Cardew discussed design and decoration of pottery. He also worked with students on their own creations.

Cardew's lecture and workshop were both part of the 1994-1995 Lyceum series, carrying the theme "Celebrating Diversity."

Cardew attended art school in the 1950's in England. He became interested in pottery through his father, who made a living out of creating pottery. Cardew has had pottery exhibits in the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe.

He currently lives in England in the home where his father lived. His son and his family live very near. His son is also a potter. Their home includes what is called the "pottery." This is where they do their work.

In the museum where the work of the three generations is displayed, nothing is in glass cases and nothing is perfect. Cardew explained that much of the pottery has been chipped and cracked from years of use.

Cardew's slide presentation showed numerous slides of different artist's work, including his father's, his son's and his own. He explained how many of the bowls were made with larger rims because they were slippery when being washed and this allowed for something to hold on to.

Many of the older pots were glazed. These are not used much anymore because the glaze can get into peoples' systems and is poisonous.

As he showed the slides, he spoke on the background of pottery in England and Africa, where his father had lived and worked for a while. Cardew spoke of his father's specialty of designing vases, which may have had something to do with his liking of flowers.

His father believed that vases should never compete with the flowers, meaning that vases shouldn't be real colorful or cause a lot of attention.

Other designs Cardew spoke of were crosses, which are a sign of stress in family life. He joked that he feels there is already enough stress in family life without adding more by painting crosses on pottery.

Many kitchen pieces have designs along the edge, so by using peripheral vision a person can see it and pick it up. Today they make dishes that are both dishwasher and microwave safe.

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Reading, 'Riting and Racism: The three R's of Higher Learning

Cinema Files

By RANDY PETERSEN
Film Critic

Books, roommates, frat parties, stereo wars, campus security, sex, guns and prejudice—it's all part of life on the fictitious Columbus University campus in John Singleton's *Higher Learning*.

If you've seen the ads, you already know what the film is about, prejudice on the college campus. What you don't know is how Singleton has taken this predictable subject and transformed it into something new.

Singleton, who both wrote and directed the film, paints a bleak picture of life on the college campus. There is tension in the air. There is little mixing of cultures or races. It is total, absolute segregation.

While the picture is dark, the question becomes, "Is it accurate?"

At first, Singleton's characters are stereotypes. Each group divided by not only skin color and beliefs, but by how they dress, the music they listen to, and how they act and react.

Kristy Swanson is Kristine, the white "all-American" girl, who comes from "near Disneyland," decorates her

room with floral patterns, has too many pictures of herself and her family and she seems too sweet. (Shirley Temple eat your heart out.)

Omar Epps is Malik, the black inner-city youth on an athletic scholarship, listening to rap music, dressing to impress and trying to get a free ride.

Michael Rapaport is Remy, the troubled white kid, listening to heavy metal, wearing flannel, walking around depressed and out of place and wanting to be in the campus frat.

Does any of this sound familiar? It should. These are stock characters seen in many college dramas. Think *The Program*.

Of course, whenever these characters interact, there's friction. Nothing new. Fortunately, Singleton adds two characters to the mix and breaks up the predictability.

Ice Cube portrays Fudge, the sixth-year senior who studies black history for himself, not the university. He is the leader of his own pack. He is out to "steal the information," because "information is power."

The most unique character is Laurence Fishburne's Professor Maurice Phipps. He motivates students and forces them to think by saying

things like, "One's primary purpose at the university level should be to learn how to think." His only problem is that he seems to have seen John Houseman's portrayal of the demanding law professor in *The Paper Chase* one too many times.

Despite starting off on shaky ground with stereotypical characters, Singleton is able to move the story along at a steady pace which depicts a believable development of tensions and prejudices.

The seemingly ordinary characters face both ordinary and extraordinary challenges in their first year at college. Each character begins to make their own choices and the audience watches as their own identities begin to form. They are no longer the children their parents began to form, they are their own individuals.

Singleton tries to encompass the feelings of many different groups. He attempts to depict the tensions caused among different races, cultures, beliefs, genders and preferences. There seems to be something in this film for everyone to relate to, but be warned, there is also something in the film for everyone to be offended by.

Singleton attempts, through edit-

ing, to show how similar the different groups at Columbus University really are. Each group has similar dreams and desires.

The editing works well to tie the ensemble cast together and show that they are ultimately all part of one race, the human race. Each character has some sympathetic element. There is constantly the question of what might have been floating over the storyline.

As to the question, "Is it accurate?" the viewer is left with the feeling that Singleton may, however unfortunate, have his finger on the pulse of many of the nation's campuses.

I've got to give *Higher Learning* a second drawer rating. While Singleton goes beyond merely depicting his view of prejudice and tries to point toward a solution, he relies too heavily on stereotypes. While the stereotypes may be accurate in regard to statistical averages, there is a feeling that the writer takes them too far. Are we all just cookie-cutter figures to be labeled by our race, culture or background?

Because of stereotypical characters like Kristen, Malik and Remy, Singleton's film loses its full potential. Regardless, the film does have impact and I recommend you see it for

yourself and make your own decision. After all, that's what it's all about.

In the video files, I have to admit that Singleton's debut film *Boyz 'N the Hood* has been on my "to see" list since its 1991 release. After seeing, *Higher Learning*, I was motivated to see it.

After seeing this film, I finally understand why people were driven to see Janet Jackson's film debut in Singleton's second film, *Poetic Justice*. *Boyz 'N the Hood* had a power that is unusual for Hollywood. It is graphic and violent, but there is a feeling of realism to the film. It is clear that Singleton put much thought into the script and direction of the film.

No discussion of Hollywood's treatment of prejudice would seem complete without discussion of two movies starring the remarkable Sidney Poitier. *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* and *In the Heat of the Night* may seem to be outdated, but these top drawer films are reminders that prejudice isn't something new for the 90s. And, unfortunately, movies (no matter how great) can't make it go away. The only hope is that they can open minds and help create dialogues.

Higher Learning

Second Drawer
Drama
Rated R
Director: John Singleton
Cast: Omar Epps, Ice Cube
Michael Rapaport
Kristy Swanson
Laurence Fishburne
Jennifer Connelly

Rating System:

Top Drawer...Must See
Second Drawer...Recommended
Third Drawer...Could be worse
Bottom Drawer...Avoid at all cost
Circular File...Trash

Take caution in personal ads Clark's novel warns

By MAUREEN ASFELD
Literary Critic



Apple and became successful in their own rights. Erin Kelley is a jewelry designer with a long and profitable future ahead of her. And Darcy Scott is a successful decorator.

Another important character is Nona Roberts, a friend of Erin's and Darcy's and a producer at Hudson Cable Network. Nona Roberts is preparing a documentary on personal columns—who are the people who place them and what are the people like who answer them. Not exactly a new idea, but one that seems to be of current interest. After sometime, Nona convinced Erin and Darcy to assist her in answering personal ads.

At first this seems fairly harmless. The worst thing that happens is the guy turns out to be a "nerd" or a "jerk." But all in all, a harmless learning experience.

Both Erin and Darcy answer a seemingly innocent ad describing the man as *Loves Music, Loves To Dance*. Unfortunately for these best friends they answered the wrong ad—they answered the "special one."

Trouble hits New York in the form of a demented, serial killer, who begins to use these "harmless" personal ads to lure his victims to their death. No longer are the ads placed in trendy New York magazines a safe way to meet people. Now instead of just sex offenders, there is also a deadly killer let loose.

The killer is "Charley," the split personality of a man tossed aside by his college love. In college he fascinated about Nan, a beautiful and popular girl. When Nan told him to get lost, he flew into a rage and strangled her. Nan is his only victim, before his excursion in New York, that he left the body to be discovered. Nan was found with one jogging shoe and one dancing slipper—the slippers were supposed to be her birthday present.

Now the killer has chosen Erin and Darcy as his last two victims, because that fulfills the child's game of "ten little piggys." He has become boastful and wants to show off, that is why he intends to leave the last two bodies to be found. The other bodies he simply buried on his property.

The murderer is referred to as the "dancing shoe murderer," because he removes one of his victim's own shoes and replaces it with a high-heeled dancing slipper. Until the murderer felt that he had to show off, the authorities had nothing to go on, but then through startling communications with the killer, they learned that Erin was not his first or last victim. Next on his deadly list is Darcy...

Mary Higgins Clark's novel, *Loves Music, Loves To Dance* has deservedly received wide acclaim from the literary world. The book is guaranteed to make you look at personal ads in a whole new light!

Cardew

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Cardew also spoke about shapes of pottery. He said, "Shape is 99 percent of the value of a pot."

Cardew's father had a few personal shape dislikes.

"After he died, I tried it," explained Cardew about making a teapot with a handle over the top, a shape which his father didn't like.

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fizzled out when the officers graduated."

According to Brase, this year has gone really well for the organization which is partially due to Elcombe.

"You need a really strong advisor. Ron promotes the group and is excited about it. He's very supportive and gives you motivation," she said.

Brase estimates that there are 26 paid members and roughly 10-15 other members in Ad Fed.

Davis

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venient for some, students and faculty are encouraged to attend the presentations at Lourdes Hall. For the past three years the Residential College has held these seminars during the winter quarter in the Lourdes Hall south lounge. All seminars run from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Upcoming seminars include a poetry reading by John Reinhard on Jan. 24, information on Minnesota State University-Akita in Japan with Don Gadow on Jan. 31, and Russian scholar Dr. Margaret Preska will speak about college students in Russia on Feb. 7. These dates are subject to change. For more information call the Residential College at 453-2500.

Coming to WSU

Dr. Jane Hamilton-Merritt

Wed. Jan 18, 7 pm
PAC 154

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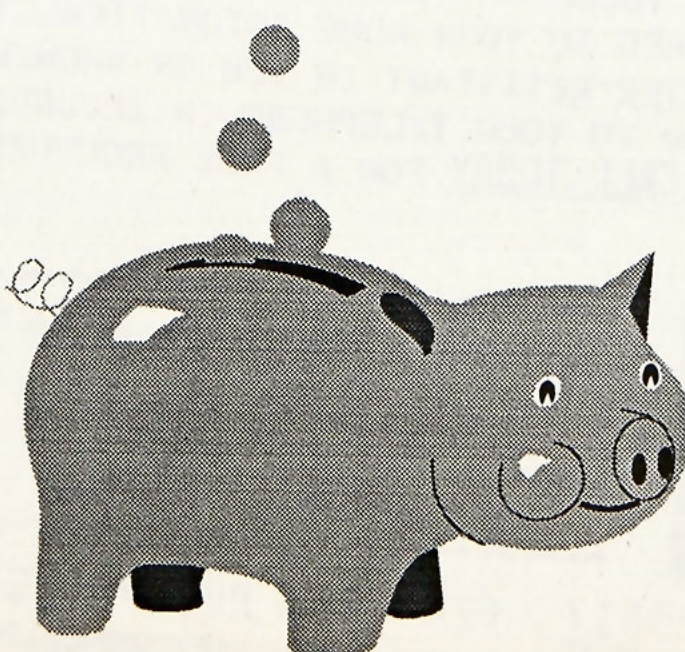
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Water-polo takes on different forms of various sports

By ALEX JOCHANIEWICZ
Outdoor Columnist

Alas, the cold winter has descended upon us. Icicles are dangling, snow is falling, and drunks are slipping on the ice. The lakes and rivers are freezing, if not already frozen. Although the outside waters are frozen, you can still go swimming.

No, I'm not talking about swimming polar bear style, tempting as it may be. I mean utilizing the pool at Winona State University. To go a step

further, I do not mean just swimming, but playing the sport of water polo.

Throughout all the years of my being, I never really knew what water polo was all about. I never gave it much thought since I never had any desire to play. My friend, however, enlightened me.

Water polo can be, and often is, a very brutal sport. Not only is it hard on an individual level, but to work collectively as a team is also difficult. Quite possibly, it is the hardest team sport.

To start with the basics, the game is

divided into four, six-minute quarters. six players are allowed in the tank plus a goalie. The object of the game is to score by getting the ball in the opposing goal—sort of like soccer. This is made tougher since at no time may a person touch the bottom of the pool.

Usually during games, the pools have no shallow end, eliminating the possibility of touching the ground. Substitutions are only allowed at the end of a quarter or when a point is scored.

To make the game even tougher, if you have the ball, the opposing team

can just about do anything it wants to rid your possession of the ball. This is when some ruthlessness is involved.

People dunk, pinch, scratch, pull, push, kick, drag under, and just about anything else to the ball carrier to make him or her lose possession of the ball. The downside of it is that one cannot legally touch another unless he or she has possession of the ball, otherwise it is a foul.

So if I am being attacked by a defender, and in the midst of wrestling each other I drop the ball and the defender is still touching me, he or she

gets a foul. Although it can be a brutal and ruthless sport, that doesn't mean it always is.

Respect and fair competition is also part of the game. Although accidents do happen, people are not out to hurt other players, just to have fun and win.

The sport requires an intricate combination of swimming ability, ball handling, (you can only handle the ball with one hand) wrestling, and the ability to function effectively in a team.

The sport is sometimes referred to as a combination of football, soccer, basketball, and wrestling—all in the

confines of deep water.

The extraneous equipment needed is a cap with protective ear coverings. Considering the ball can reach speeds to forty miles per hour, its a good idea to be protected.

If this sounds like your kind of sport, then you are in luck. There happens to be a WSU water polo club. Since the ice and fishing huts make it impossible to play outside, they meet twice a week at the WSU pool. It is a co-ed club and anybody is encouraged to play. For further information contact Bret at 452-8454, or Eric at 457-9762.

WSU profile 'Dissemination' of Herzberg

By ERIC RISLOVE
Sports Reporter

At Winona State University and almost every college and university in the country, there is a position in the athletic department called Sports Information Director or S.I.D. If you're like many students, you may wonder what a S.I.D. does.

According to Mike Herzberg, WSU's S.I.D., the main responsibilities are: "The collection and dissemination of information concerning athletics at WSU."

More simply, this means compiling statistics for every sport at WSU and distributing information in a way that will serve both the media and the university.

Herzberg has been collecting and disseminating information at Winona State since 1990. In fact, Herzberg has done quite well making sports information it's own department because the S.I.D. job wasn't even a full-time position when he took it in '90.

Before he became S.I.D., Herzberg disseminated information for the Winona Daily News as a sports writer, sports editor, and assistant managing editor.

As a native of Winona, Herzberg graduated from Winona Senior High in 1968 and graduated from Winona

The collection and dissemination of information concerning athletics at WSU
Mike Herzberg explaining his job

State University in 1976 with a degree in Mass Communications. Herzberg left Winona for the Air Force in 1970, returned in 1974 and hasn't left since.

Herzberg seems very content, not only in Winona, but in his current position of S.I.D.

"I'll stay as long as they (the school) are willing to keep me, as long as I'm enjoying myself," says Herzberg.

The most enjoyable part of being S.I.D. for Herzberg? "It comes in two parts, they are pretty equal," said Herzberg. "The athletes and the games."

Along with Herzberg's enjoyment of his interaction with the school's athletes comes one of the job's biggest challenges.

"Trying to find recognition for the athletes," Herzberg says of his toughest task.

Herzberg obviously enjoys the challenge and the rest of his responsibilities collecting and disseminating information.

Slip slidin'



Joshua Smith/Asst. Photo Editor

Chuck Glover, left, and Analisa Pearson of Christians In Action lunge for the tennis ball in a game of boot hockey last Saturday. Not using skates allows more to play since knowing how to skate isn't necessary.

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Hello Ben Nelson. My name is, well if you don't know by now, I give up.

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I want to become your new friend, Ben, because in my eyes you are beautiful. Just kidding. You are rich in what you are. To a bankrupt college student, \$5,500 is a helluva lot of money when most of us sit here with less than 55 cents.

For those of you who do not know Ben Nelson, who will now go by the name Richie Rich, he is the man in the center of the picture below. He has his finger held high, proudly displaying himself as No. 1, although you would never know it by the look on his face.

I guess this is how you're supposed to act when you win \$5,500, hence his new name. After he made five shots during halftime at last Saturday's game, he was surrounded by new pals trying to get a piece of the limelight. One of them was myself, of course.

After all, I taught him everything he needed to know about winning contests and what the heck, why not run around the court celebrating Richie's accomplishments. His accomplishment sounds easy, but it isn't.

First, getting your ticket chosen to participate is an award in itself. Then in front of the crowd, you have to make two lay-ups, a free-throw, a three-pointer, and finally a half court shot. All in 35 seconds, knowing if you are successful, you'll get mobbed by the Row of Cuccies.

Richie Rich made all five shots in a row and is awarded the topic of my column. That is good enough, so I get to have your money to help out those less fortunate in the Winona sporting world.

You have to help me out so I can donate some money to the Winona State University Danceline team. They still owe money after taking a loan from WSU to go to Miami for the Orange Bowl. Fund raisers are the team's only hope and we all know how much the community gets involved with athletics around here.

By the way, this makes me wonder. If it seems so easy to get money with its lenient payback system, I would like to start a club, say co-ed surfing, and ask WSU's Mr. Leisure-Loan Person for lots of money and schedule competition during spring break. I'd even settle for a fishing team to travel to Texas.

Which is where my good friend almost ended up, whose name I will omit due to a big embarrassment factor. (O.K. His name is Don.) You have to help me out with some cash to buy him a gift certificate for a train ride.

Don recently took up a rare sport. The train-jumping version of the triathlon to avoid the true sport of cab riding. He sprinted 100 yards and athletically hopped on in Minnesota City and dove off in Winona, avoiding the engineer and luckily avoiding his death. Don needs help maintaining his balance on his landings. He looked like he got hit by the train instead of riding it. This sport is dangerous and should not be attempted by anyone but Don.

Congratulations, Ben Nelson, and thanks for your donation. It will be well spent on those who truly need it.



DAVID BOEHLER
Sports Editor

Men's Basketball

Balanced attack leads Warriors

By SCOTT KRAMP
Sports Reporter

For most basketball teams to be successful, they must have a balanced attack.

A consistent outside game, a ball distributor, an inside force and tenacious defense are all necessary if you want to succeed.

When Winona State University (8-6 overall, 2-1 in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference) faced Moorhead State this past Saturday night, all facets of its game were running smoothly.

Hot shooting and excellent defense spelled out an 89-68 win for the Warriors.

Eric Plitzuweit (19 points, 5-11 from 3-point range) and Pat Thorsell (10 points, 2-6 from 3-point range) provided the outside threat.

WSU shoots 30 3-pointers

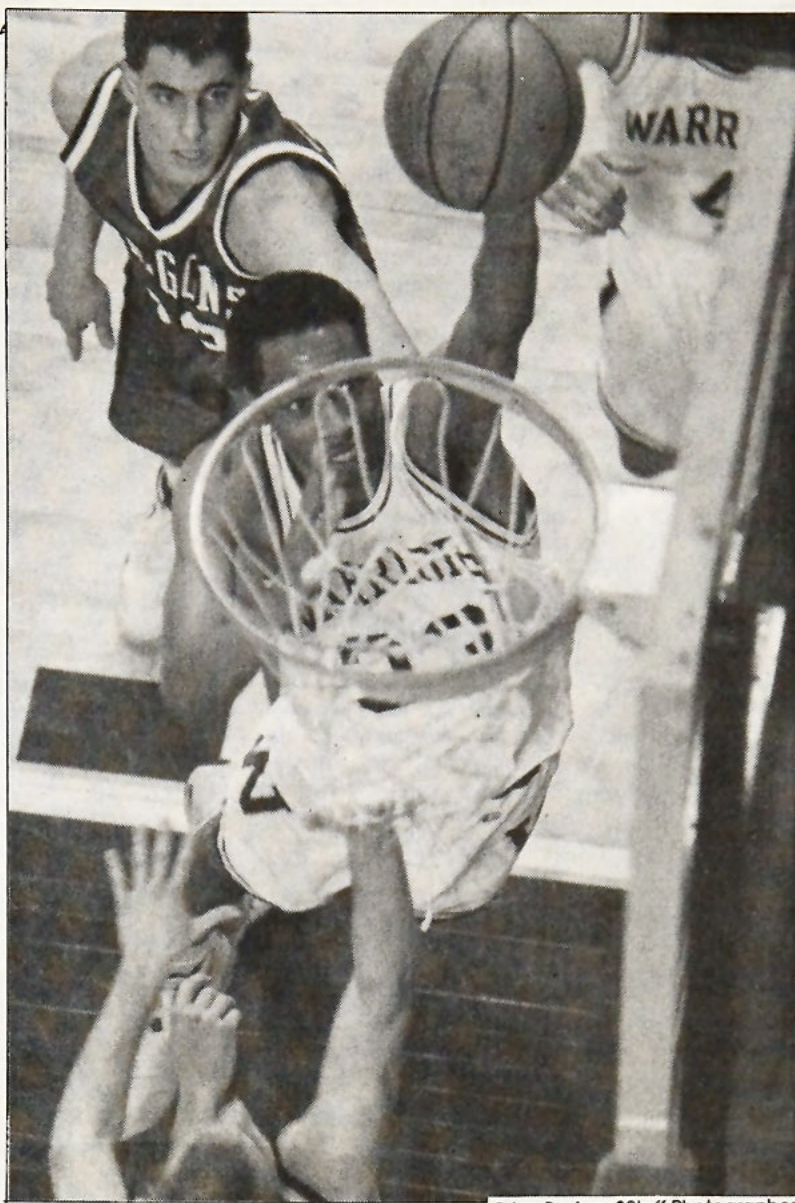
WSU didn't hesitate to take threes the entire game as it launched a whopping 30 three-point attempts (as opposed to 11 attempts by the Dragons).

"We've got some excellent shooters from the outside," said Warrior head coach Les Wothke, "and we try to use that weapon as much as we can."

It is our game plan every game. Damon Scott can shoot the three, as can Plitzuweit and Thorsell.

Point guard Scott (18 points and latest Co-NSIC Player of the Week) ran the team to perfection against Moorhead State, as he proved that he is WSU's field general.

Inside dominance was provided courtesy of Rodney Ousley (24 points). Ousley showed the Dragons time and time again that he was a force to be



WSU Warrior Rodney Ousley scores against Moorhead on Saturday night in McCown Gymnasium. The Warriors slayed the Dragons 89-68.

reckoned with on both ends of the court.

For most of the first half, the game was reasonably close. The main reason, hot shooting by Moorhead State (60% first half shooting).

The first half belonged to Plitzuweit and Ousley as they combined for 29 first half points. Plitzuweit hit shots from the outside, and anything he missed, Ousley was there to slam home.

Plitzuweit was on fire at the end of the first half, as he hit a series of threes that widened the WSU lead. The Warriors led by a halftime score of 48-40.

Something was missing in the first half that really sparked the Warriors in the second half—defense.

"Defensively we made a few adjustments," said Wothke. "We got more aggressive defensively, and that allowed us to cause a lot of turnovers in the second half. The turnovers enabled us to score, not necessarily in transition, but on that possession. We shot the ball really well in the second half."

Thorsell and Ousley contested virtually every Dragon shot as the WSU interior defense toughened in the second half.

NSIC Standings

| | W-L | O'all |
|---------------|-----|-------|
| UM-Duluth | 3-0 | 11-5 |
| Northern St. | 3-1 | 14-1 |
| Winona State | 2-1 | 8-6 |
| UM-Morris | 2-2 | 10-5 |
| Bemidji St. | 1-2 | 6-11 |
| Moorhead St. | 1-3 | 9-9 |
| Southwest St. | 0-3 | 0-14 |

NEXT UP: at Northern St., Jan. 18
Bemidji St., Jan. 21
Home, 7:30

Gymnastics

Second place finish at first meet

By SUNNI SCHULZ
Sports Reporter

The Winona State University gymnastics team took second place at the University of Minnesota Open in Minneapolis on last Saturday.

The University of Minnesota placed first with a team total of 189.025. The Warrior's total was 170.075. Gustavus Adolphus took third with 168.525 and Hamline was fourth with 164.500.

"I am really pleased with how they performed, especially with having only seven weeks of practice," said assistant coach Dave Schran. "Our team score was higher than last year's meet here."

Ann Marie Green placed second all around with 34.755 and Melissa Green won third scoring a 34.725. Becky Minns also finished third on the vault with a 9.30.

Ann Marie Green felt happy about

the Warrior's performance.

"It was pretty good for a first meet. There were a lot of falls, so there's definitely room for improvement."

Four of the new freshmen made their debut at this meet.

"The freshmen really pulled through, being that this was their first college meet. When the pressure was on, they performed," said Schran. "Everybody made a few mistakes, mostly mental errors because I know

they can hit their routines. We got off to a great start on the balance beam, our first three girls stuck their routines. It's all psychological."

The Warrior's next home meet against University of Wisconsin-La Crosse has been moved from Sunday, Jan. 22, to Saturday Jan. 28.

"We're preparing to qualify for Nationals and hit the 180 team score range," said Schran.

Sports announcers always in need

By JOE BURKE
Sports Reporter

Every week one can tune 89.5 FM, KQAL, and listen to Winona State University sports as it is happening here or elsewhere in the conference.

The voices of Aaron Skreland and James Hershey might become familiar to you after a while, but who are these guys and how did they get on the airwaves? They're not alone, and in fact it's very easy to become one of these announcers.

"We try to get as many new people as possible," said Sports Director Skreland. "It's just a matter of sitting

in on a game to getting used to things and then just signing up for what ever your interested in."

Although funding was cut somewhat this year, KQAL still covers all mens and womens home games as well as conference away games. This leaves plenty of opportunities open for those interested in announcing.

"Anyone interested in road trips can go, we don't have any set system or anyone waiting in line to go," says Skreland, "and the Athletic Department takes care of hotel and transportation. It's a lot of fun."

Skreland is also currently trying to expand coverage to include pregames

in which there will be "an interview with a player along with stats, scores and standings throughout the conference, and a postgame coverage to include scores from that night throughout the conference."

Skreland and Hershey also head up a sportstalk segment—Sunday Night Sports Talk—in which anyone can call and voice their opinion over the air.

"One of the best parts of SNS is instigating arguments with our listeners for their interaction and enjoyment," says Skreland. "We like to have fun."

With football over and hockey just under way, Skreland and company

are trying to get more topical from week to week, but they're not worried about a lack of things to talk about.

"The one thing I'd like to get across is that sports is entertaining, not life and death," said Skreland. "The baseball strike may seem important, but it doesn't belong next to Bill Clinton and news on the front page, some people just take things too seriously."

So how does anyone get involved? "Anyone can do it, we are not a male-oriented staff by any means," said Skreland. "If you're interested just come and talk to me."

Skreland can be found at KQAL or can be reached on campus at 457-5258.

Women's Basketball

Losing streak at four, face previously ranked No. 1 team

By ARIK HANSON
Sports Reporter

Things do not get any easier for the Winona State University basketball team as it faces Northern State University, the No. 1-ranked team in the NAIA tonight.

Last Saturday's 82-68 loss at McCown Gymnasium to Moorhead State University did not help to build much-needed confidence.

Dragons hot early

A 14-point halftime deficit and hot shooting by the Dragons proved to be too much for the Warriors, who slip to 7-10 overall, 0-3 in conference play.

Moorhead State shot 51% from the floor and were led by forward Melissa Zaun, who finished with a game-high 25 points. The Dragons simply could not miss while the Warriors fortunes were just the opposite.

"We had so many shots that just sat on the rim," said head coach Teri Sheridan. "We were victims of cold shooting at key times in the game."

Moorhead jumped out to an early 28-8 advantage with 11:13 left in the first half, converting on 12 of 18 field goals in that stretch.

Winona State then started to chip away at Moorhead's lead and

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Head Coach Sheridan

whittled it down to eight with 3:33 left in the first half. But after Vicki Field's three-point basket shaved the lead to 36-28, the Warriors managed just one free throw in the final three minutes.

The Dragons led 43-29 at the break. Although the Warriors played Moorhead to a 39-39 tie in the second half they never got closer than the halftime margin of 14 points.

"We've got the fight, we're just not quick out of the blocks," said Sheridan. "I thought we were really mentally prepared to play tonight."

The Warriors received 44 of their 68 points from the bench. Angie Bohringer scored 11 points and Julie Barthel tallied 10, both off the bench.

"We have to step up," said sophomore forward Barthel. "This team is capable of accomplishing what any other team is capable of, we just can't have lapses when we don't score."

Lost to Wayne St., 82-66

The Warriors took on Wayne State

University in a non-conference tilt last Wednesday in Nebraska, only to come up short, losing 82-66.

Winona State was outrebounded by a margin of 46-30, which ignited an up-tempo, fast-breaking game that favored Wayne State and its smaller, quicker lineup.

Play second half evenly

After trailing 37-25 and shooting poorly in the first half, the Warriors turned around and shot 62% in the second half, but could never get close enough to mount a serious run.

Vicki Field led the Warriors with 21 points in only 14 minutes, going 7-9 from the field, including 2-2 from three-point range. Michelle Dedin also had 15 points for the Warriors.

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WSU Warrior Jennifer Hosting drives down the court on Saturday against Moorhead in McCown Gymnasium. The Dragons defeated the Warriors 82-68.

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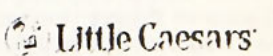
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